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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [redacted]

Intelligence Branch, CRD

SUBJECT: Office of Strategic Services (OSS)  
Motion Pictures

1. Yesterday [redacted] and I completed the classification review of 14 films believed to have been created for or by the OSS. Most had apparently eluded the classification review conducted under the auspices of the Strategic Services Unit (SSU) during the early 1970s. One hundred and sixty-four reels, which had been declassified or found not to contain Agency classification equities, were offered to the National Archives. I carried out the transfer on 6 August 1975 in my capacity as Chief of the Agency Archives.

2. One of the flicks that [redacted] and I reviewed turned out to be a copy of Burma Butterflies (B6038), one of the films that had been accessioned by the National Archives. Two proved not to be OSS documents, they having been created during the 1950s. The following, listed by OCR film title number with our classification review decisions, are OSS records:

B6035	Campbell's Missile	Declassify
B6184	OSS Training Group	Declassify
B6187	Maritime Operations -- The Hull (Sound Track)	Declassify
B6267	Call of War	Unclassified
C6200	Nassau Training Report (PO-59A)	Declassify
E7166	Japanese Capabilities in Manchuria (Sound Track)	Declassify

3. In my opinion, these films retain no value to the Agency as active nor semi-active records. In fact, they, by now, probably have become a liability to OCR as well as the Agency. The National Archives is generally averse to accessioning classified records over which it has no systematic review jurisdiction. I feel certain, however, that the Archives would appreciate an offer of those unclassified and recently declassified. Hence, I believe that this is an appropriate time for the Office of Information Services to discuss such an offer with OCR and Director of the SSU.

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